

## MONTGOMERY COUNTY JAIL COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 28, 2010

The Montgomery County Jail Committee met Wednesday, April 28, 2010, at 6:00 p.m. in the Basement Meeting Room of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Donna Robinson. Those present were committee members Brad Wright, Clint Rubey, Donna Robinson, Drue Powers, Julie Rubey, Jim Sifford, Ken Rech, Margaret Stoldorf, Roger Ehmke, Dan Cain, and Ron Brown. Also present were Prochaska representatives Don Prochaska, Scott Lundberg, and Steve Riley, clerk Joni Ernst and visitors Jail Administrator Mike Sanchez, Red Oak Express Editor Greg Orear, Supervisor Karen Blue, Marty Barnett, Darrel Steven Carlyle, and Ron Carlson.

Motion by Sifford, second by Ehmke to approve the agenda. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the April 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Minutes stand approved as read.

The Chair called for public comment. Ron Carlson had public comment, but asked if he could address the committee after the presentation. The Chair agreed.

Don Prochaska, Scott Lundberg and Steve Riley of Prochaska & Associates presented their final Montgomery County Law Enforcement Center Pre-Bond Election Preliminary Concept Plan. The recommended option is to build a new law enforcement center with a 24-bed jail located on currently owned county property adjacent to the current sheriff's office. Cost of the facility will be an estimated total project cost of \$5,983,890. County costs would be \$5,560,520 and City of Red Oak costs would be \$423,370.

C. Rubey commented that he was glad to have the study all in one document now. Robinson mentioned that the jail subcommittee had met last Friday with the city and county attorneys to review 28E agreements for ongoing expenses should the center become a reality.

Wright stated that Lots 9, 10, and 11 of Block 41 of the City of Red Oak will be deeded over at no cost by a private individual to this project.

Stoldorf asked about the existing jail. Robinson stated that the existing jail facility was not being considered in this project, as there are some people interested in its preservation. Wright said it won't be part of this campaign.

Guest Ron Carlson addressed the committee and asked why it was a 24-bed facility. Chief Jailer Mike Sanchez responded and explained the classification system and the Montgomery County daily populations and how that made it necessary to have 24 beds available. He stated that doubling up is very difficult with the different classifications.

Carlson asked about the type of construction and materials to be used. Lundberg and Riley responded and explained that it would look much like an office building and there would be no exterior windows on the jail portion of the building. Carlson stated his concern was that it was a very large facility and Adair County is proposing a 12-bed facility. Sifford responded that he had looked at the county populations and Adair County is much smaller than Montgomery County, and its largest town and county seat is only about 1,800 people. Riley said the classifications would make it very difficult to have a 12-bed jail. Carlson said it would still be a tough sell. C. Rubey stated he would rather be somewhere else, just as the rest of the committee would, but it was their obligation to do this and the committee has loyalty to our community. He said it was important to point out that there are only 15 cells, with 24 beds in this option.

Motion by Wright, second by Powers to accept the preliminary concept plan as presented by Prochaska and Associates and recommend the plan to the Montgomery County Board of Supervisors. All in favor. Motion unanimously carried.

Riley stated this had been one of the best committees they had worked with.

Campaign discussion followed with Clint and Julie Rubey stating they would assist with the campaign. They identified the need to raise funds and do informational briefings. Prochaska and Associates will assist with 2 foot by 3 foot informational posters mounted on foam core. Slide shows and powerpoints were also discussed. J. Rubey asked if the committee should be disbanded and a new committee formed. Ernst stated they would need to form a new committee

and file with the Campaign Disclosure Board. Sifford stated he would help with the campaign committee.

Blue asked if there was an elevational site picture available. J. Rubey stated they have to pass the issue, then hire the firm to design the building. Prochaska advised that it was better to pass an issue on the need, not on the appearance. He said he hasn't seen an example of when it has helped, but does know of a case where it hurt the issue.

J. Rubey stated they would need to form the campaign committee, and it would be a personal choice if people wished to participate on the campaign committee. These meetings would not need to be open meetings, as they would not be appointed.

Robinson expressed her heartfelt thanks to the committee and to the men of Prochaska for their contributions to this effort.

With no additional comments, motion to adjourn by Sifford, second by Cain. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

DONNA ROBINSON, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: JONI K. ERNST, CLERK